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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces any earlier listing:

1. (Previously presented) A vehicle, comprising:
an internal combustion engine,
a protruding component surrounding the engine, and
at least one protective lining (5) attached to at least one area of the protruding component,
wherein the lining (5) is a material with heat-insulating and sound-insulating properties.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protruding component is an axle carrier.
4. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material of the lining (5) comprises an elastomer-modified thermoplastic.
5. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material of the lining (5) comprises two interconnected plastics, the one plastic exhibiting sound-insulating properties and the other plastic exhibiting heat-insulating properties.
6. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the plastic having the heat-insulating properties is disposed above the plastic having the sound-insulating properties.

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7. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining (5) covers a track control arm opening (10) in the axle carrier.
8. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining (5) covers a spring control arm opening (11) in the axle carrier (1).
9. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining (5) covers an interspace (12) between the axle carrier (1) and a longitudinal member of the vehicle to which the axle carrier (1) is fastened.
10. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining covers a bearing (13) of the axle carrier (1) for an axle stabilizer.
11. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linings (5) of individual cover points are joined together in one piece.
12. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein two longitudinal sides (3) of the axle carrier (1), extending parallel to a vehicle longitudinal axis, are fully covered by the lining (5), with the exception of fastening points (8) for fastening to a longitudinal member and an engine mount (2).
13. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 12, wherein two lining portions covering the two longitudinal sides (3) of the axle carrier (1) are joined together in such a way that they form a single component, connecting portions of the lining portions fully covering transverse bridges (9) of the axle carrier (1), which join the longitudinal sides (3).

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14. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining (5), with the exception of fastening points (6) for fastening the lining (5) to the axle carrier (1), is distanced from the latter by an air gap (14).
15. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining (5) is formed by a coating of the axle carrier (1).
16. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lining (5) is of skin-like configuration conforming to the contour of the top side (4) of the axle carrier (1).
17. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein air chambers are formed on a top side of the lining (5).
18. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein at points of covered openings (10, 11) in the axle carrier (1), on a circular surface, the lining (5) is provided with diametrical slots (15), with slotted leaves (16) which are hereupon formed being of resiliently elastic configuration.
19. (Previously presented) The vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material of the lining (5) comprises polyamide or polyurethane.
20. (New) A vehicle, comprising:
an axle carrier upon which the engine is mounted, and
at least one pre-manufactured liner attached to at least one area of the axle carrier,
wherein the liner is a material with heat-insulating and sound-insulating properties.

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21. (New) The vehicle as in claim 20, wherein the liner is attached to the axle carrier via screws, glue, or clips.
22. (New) The vehicle as in claim 1, wherein the lining is pre-manufactured and attached to the axle carrier via screws, glue, or clips.